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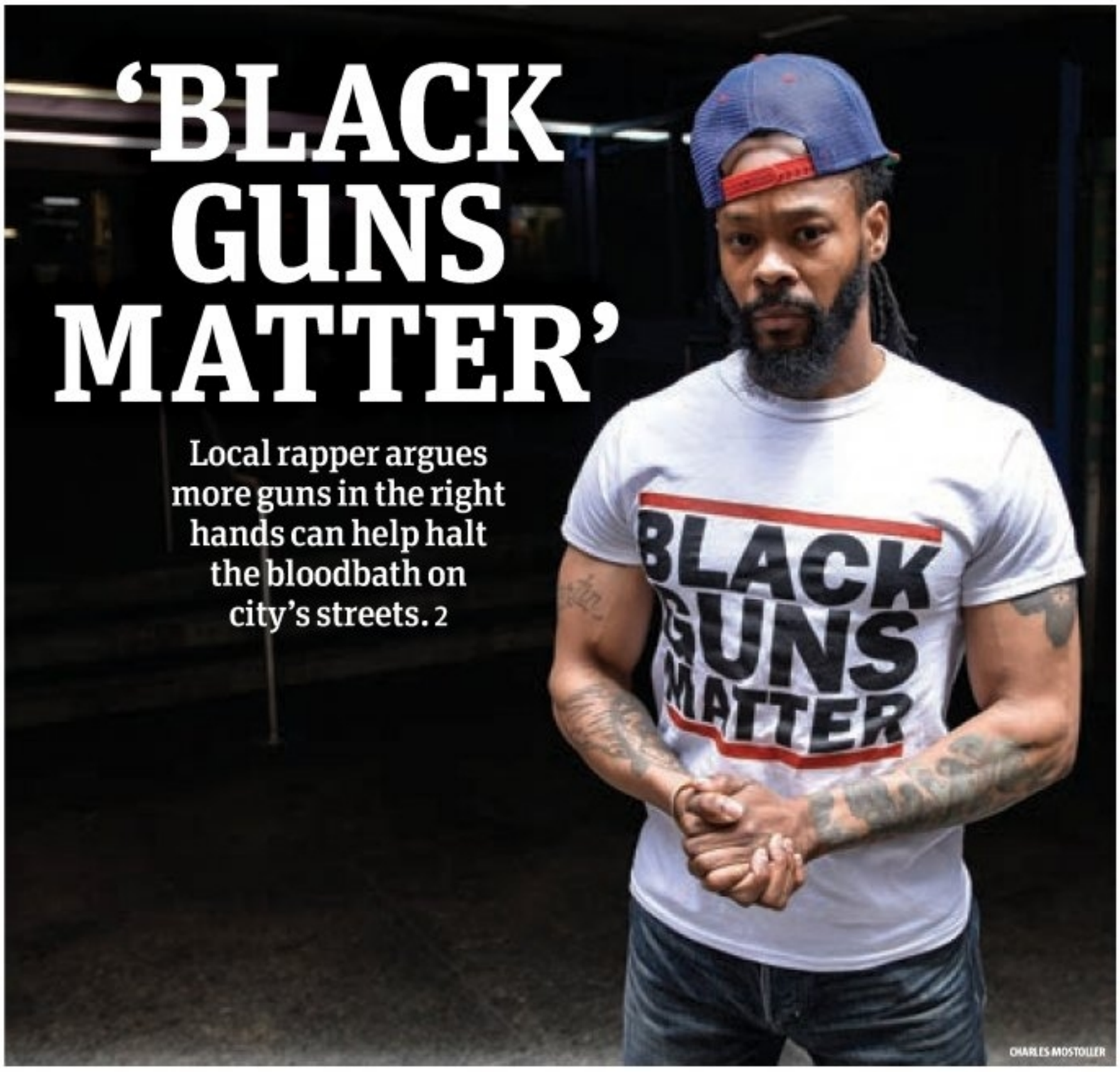

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CBS NEWSMAN MORLEY SAFER DEAD AT AGE 84; RETIRED DAYS AGO

Television journalist Morley Safer, who made his reputation as a Vietnam War correspondent for CBS and then became a mainstay on the network's "60 Minutes" show for 46 years, died at age 84 on Thursday, a few days after his retirement, the network announced. Safer, whom CBS said was in "declining health," died at his home in Manhattan. The long-running news show had paid tribute to his work Sunday. In a final posting on Twitter on Sunday Safer wrote, "It's been a wonderful run, and I want to thank the millions of people who have been loyal to our @60Minutes broadcast. Thank you!" REUTERS

SENATORS INTRODUCE BILL TO BLOCK EXPANSION OF FBI HACKING

2 A small group of bipartisan senators introduced a bill Thursday that would block a pending judicial rule change allowing U.S. judges to issue search warrants for remote access to computers in any jurisdiction, even overseas, arguing the change would expand the FBI's hacking authority. The one-page legislation from Oregon Democrat Ron Wyden and Kentucky Republican Rand Paul would undo the change to procedural rules governing the court system adopted by the Supreme Court in a private vote last month, without congressional involvement. Montana Republican Steve Daines and Democrats Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin and Jon Tester of Montana are co-sponsoring the Stopping Mass Hacking bill. Magistrate judges can order searches only within their courts' jurisdiction, typically limited to a few counties. REUTERS

MOTORISTS ON MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY TO HIT NEAR-RECORD NUMBERS

3 The number of Americans traveling by car for the Memorial Day holiday will hit an 11-year high this year, fueled by a growing economy and low gasoline prices, the nation's largest motorists' advocacy group said Thursday. AAA projected 33.9 million people will hit the road and drive 50 miles or more from home during the Memorial Day holiday period, the most since 37.3 million in 2005. The expectation for strong driving numbers is welcome news for U.S. refiners, who are banking on the summer driving season to resurrect profits that plummeted during the recent fall and winter seasons.

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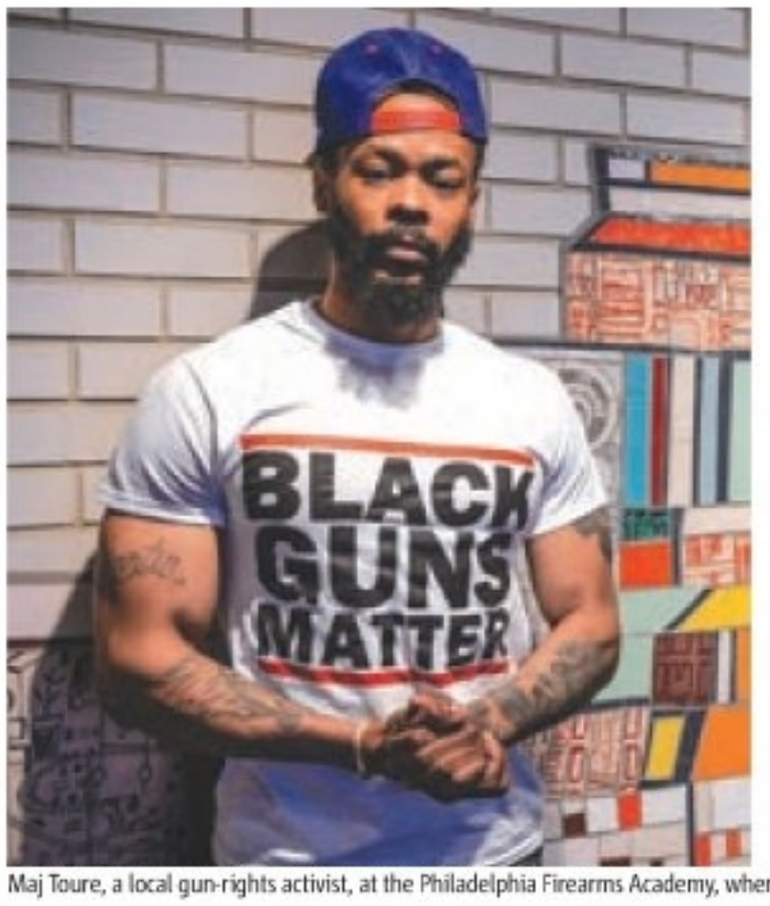

Maj Toure, a local gun-rights activist, at the Philadelphia Firearms Academy, where he will host "Black Guns Matter." CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Rapper: Answer to bloodbath on Philly's streets — more guns

Maj Toure to host "Black Guns Matter" firearms training and education in drive to promote legal ownership and deter violence.

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In a city awash in violence, where a homicide or two is reported every few days, Maj Toure believes more guns — in the hands of the right people — could help stem the bloodshed.

"The good guys — the people that want to be more informed, more responsible, that want to be card-carrying good guys and girls — those are the people that we're talking to," said Toure, a North Philly native and rapper.

It's a similar message to the one espoused by the powerful lobbyist the National Rifle Association, which responded to calls for stricter gun control laws after the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School by saying more good guys with guns would deter future shootings.

On Saturday, Toure, 29, is hosting "Black Guns Matter," a free event to help African-Americans apply for a license to carry — required in Philly for gun owners to keep their guns on their person — with firearm safety training and information on gun laws.

Toure is best known for selling his music on SEPTA trains, but he is also a strong Second Amendment supporter and NRA member who believes black residents would be safer if more people exercised their constitutional right to bear arms legally.

"Some of the guys that are 21, 22 years old, they buy a firearm, pass a background check. They want to protect themselves," he said. "They don't even know they have to have a license. When that 21-year-old is more responsible, more informed, he turns into the good guy or the good girl, as opposed to the knucklehead."

Philadelphia has seen 99 murders so far in 2016 — a 15 percent increase over this time last year, according to the police department. There were 280 murders and more than 1,000 shooting victims in 2015.

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Black Guns Matter
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At a recent City Council hearing on gun violence, Dr. Joel Fein of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia described what youth victims of violence tell him: "Guns are everywhere. … I don't want a gun, but the world is just so crazy right now."

Even activists who work to tighten gun laws to increase public safety think there are benefits to Toure's approach.

"This shouldn't be a hidden conversation in back alleys with kids trying to teach each other," said Shira Goodman, executive director of CeaseFirePA. "Mr. Toure is right that if you are going to carry a gun, it should be legally, you should get your concealed carry permit, be trained, trained in safe storage, safe handling, safe usage — none of which is required to buy a gun or get you a concealed carry license."

But Goodman asserted that more guns don't necessarily mean safer streets.

"The data shows that a higher concentration of guns and looser gun laws lead to more gun deaths and injuries," she said, citing the example of violence in Atlanta: "More people are shooting first because they assume the other person is armed."

But Toure had a litany of reasons why legal gun ownership could make Philly neighborhoods safer: not just for individual protection, but to also improve community relations with police.

"Police officers wouldn't feel as nervous if they know this person is a responsible card-carrying good guy," Toure said, adding that legal gun owners don't face the stress of someone who might have an illegal gun when they encounter police: "I'm not running to my car. I'm handling myself with a certain protocol."

"It's just me being from the hood and saying this is how we can inform people and this is how we can help people. This is how we can help police officers do their job better."

Turkey vultures take over rowhouse, menace neighbors in West Philadelphia

Turkey vultures FLICKR

City planned to demolish abandoned and crumbling building after residents complained about menacing scavengers.

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The city planned to demolish a vacant rowhouse after resident of a West Philadelphia block complained that it had been taken over by squatters they feared would carry off and eat their pets.

It's unlikely even tiny dogs were in danger since turkey vultures are scavengers which feed almost exclusively on dead animals. But the buzzards have worn out their welcome, nevertheless.

A crumbling rowhouse on the 400 block of North 50th Street has become the home of a committee of turkey vultures — groups of them are called "committees" — causing nearby citizens to worry about their pets.

"I'm scared the buzzards will try to scoop him up and make him dinner," Christina Ali-Bey, who lives next door to the vacant home, told Fox29, talking about her teacup Yorkie, Rocco.

One woman pointed out the vacant home where the buzzards have taken up residence to CBS3.

She said it had been vacant for more than a decade.

"It bothers me. I shouldn't be afraid to come out of my front door," Engrid Bullock said. "Yesterday, they tore up all of my trash."

The Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections said the vacant rowhouse taken over by the buzzards was set to be demolished on Thursday.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has a number of policies on vultures and managing the damage they cause. Both types of buzzards, black vultures and turkey vultures,thrive in close proximity to people.

Not only can — and will — vultures invade homes, they can be destructive to buidlings by tearing at caulking, roof shingles, vent seals, rubber roof liners and pool covers.

As a protected species, it is illegal to harm or kill turkey vultures. They can, however, be driven off with an effigy of a dead buzzard or turkey, which they apparently fear.

"I feel like I should be a protected breed also, because the fact they come down that close to me frightens me," Bullock said to CBS3.

"It bothers me. I shouldn't be afraid to come out of my front door. Yesterday, they tore up all of my trash."

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Political strategist Tom Lindenfeld, right, celebrates a political victory. GETTY IMAGES

Defense attacks key prosecution witness in Fattah corruption trial

Longtime congressman accused of racketeering, money laundering and bank fraud.

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Attorneys for Congressman Chaka Fattah attacked the credibility of a key prosecution witness in his corruption trial Thursday, getting the political consultant to concede he was not always honest with family, friends and colleagues.

The admission came on the fourth day of testimony in the federal corruption trial against the 11-term congressman and four of his associates. Each is charged with an array of RICO violations, ranging from conspiracy to bribery to money laundering and bank fraud, in what is expected to be an eight-week trial.

Testifying for a second day was Thomas Lindenfeld, who pleaded guilty to wire fraud in 2014 and has agreed to cooperate with the government in exchange for a lighter sentence. In court Thursday, he barely gave Fattah, his former longtime colleague and confidant, a glance.

"You admitted you committed a federal crime — a scheme to commit fraud. You knowingly participated in a conspiracy," Defense Attorney Samuel Silver pressed Lindenfeld under cross-examination.

"Did you even deceive your wife … in any way?"

"I didn't tell her the whole truth, no," said Lindenfeld.

Prosecutors contend that Fattah, Lindenfeld and another government witness, Gregory Naylor, as well as other co-conspirators engaged in a scheme to violate the local campaign finance laws during Fattah's race for mayor of Philadelphia in April 2007.

Allegations in the government's indictment assert Fattah arranged for an illegal $1 million campaign loan from Al Lord, the wealthy CEO of the student-loan giant Sallie Mae. To conceal this loan, prosecutors said Fattah and Lindenfeld routed the money from Lord through Lindenfeld's political consulting firm, LSG.

On cross-examination, Silver sought to show Lindenfeld's testimony was an attempt to spare himself a long prison sentence.

"You face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison as a result. You're 61 years old. You could be in there until you're 81 if you don't get leniency," he said.

On Wednesday, Lindenfeld admitted he had doubts about Fattah's ability to raise campaign funds, yet he accepted Lord's loan money despite that. He said he expected Fattah to pay back that loan because he trusted him.

"You put your company on the line. Your company was in dire straits. The campaign was desperate for funding, right?" asked Silver.

"At the time, you knew you were involved in a fraudulent scheme?"

"Yes," said Lindenfeld.

"You admitted you committed a federal crime – a scheme to commit fraud. You knowingly participated in a conspiracy." Silver, to Lindenfeld

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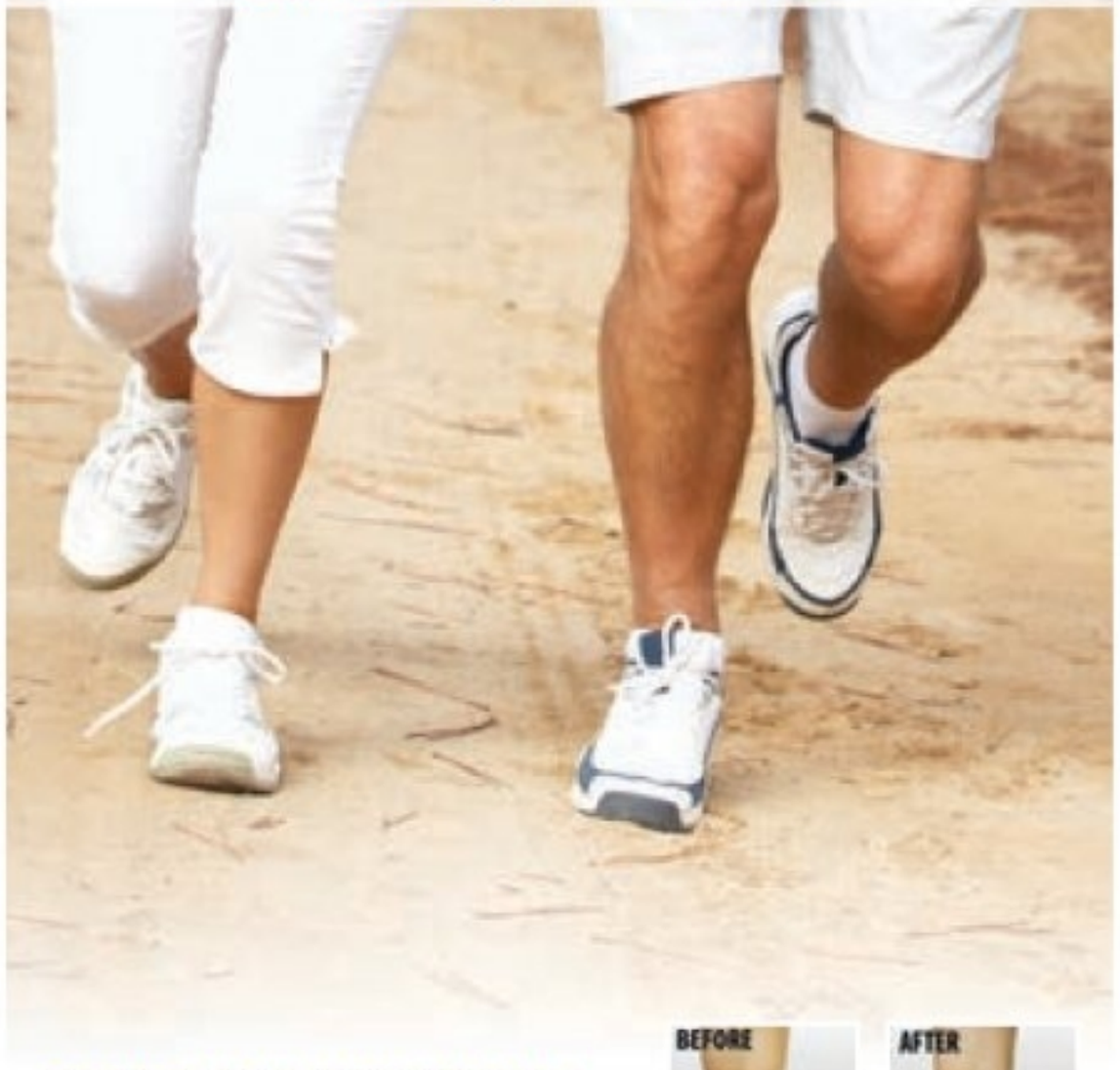

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Mechanic dies five months after school boiler explosion

Christopher Trakimas was in a medically induced coma after suffering severe burns.

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Christopher Trakimas PROVIDED

A school mechanic died Wednesday, five months after a basement boiler blew up in his face, causing doctors to put him in a medically induced coma.

Christopher Trakimas, 62, a School District of Philadelphia employee for 25 years, died on Wednesday, his union, 32BJ SEIU, announced.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of our member, Chris Trakimas," said 32BJ district area leader Ernie Bennett in a statement. "Chris was a devoted father, grandfather and a longtime school district mechanic."

Trakimas was working on a boiler at F.S. Edmonds Elementary in the middle of the afternoon on Jan. 13 when it exploded, severely burning him and injuring another engineer.

Doctors fought to save Trakimas' life while he was in a medically induced coma, but Trakimas never recovered.

Bennett pointed to the underfunded School District's aging infrastructure as the cause of the explosion.

"His death is a horrifying reminder that budget cuts can cost lives," Bennett said. "The safety of the hard-working men and women who maintain our schools is our first priority. We are continuing to work with the district to make sure nothing like this ever happens again. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris's family and friends."

The School District reinspected all boilers in April.

They found 58 percent of them needed repairs, according to Philly.com, and pledged to fix all boilers before next winter.

DA: Chester County man sexually assaulted his own kids

The Chester County DA has accused a Downingtown man of sexually abusing three minors under 10 years old, including two of his own kids.

Christopher Guiseppe, 33, was arrested on multiple charges stemming from allegations he abused the three children, two of which were his biological children and one was the daughter of his girlfriend, between January 2014 and April 2016 in the basement where he lives in his parents' house, District Attorney Tom Hogan announced.

Christopher Guiseppe PROVIDED

"We are concerned that there may be more victims out there. Any child exposed to this defendant was at risk," Hogan stated.

At various times, Guiseppe was placed in charge of the three children, ages 6, 8 and 9, and he allegedly showed them pornography before sexually assaulting the children individually, the DA added.

Court documents showed that the suspect was alleged to have made the children join him in bed naked and perform oral sex on him, according to Philly.com.

Guiseppe has been charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, corruption of minors, incest and related charges, according to the district attorney. He was being held in Chester County Prison. JASON NUCKOLLS

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TACKLING STREET HARASSMENT AT THE CLOTHESPIN CAN BE THE FIRST STEP TO PHILLY SERIOUSLY ADDRESSING IT

I normally wear headphones when I get off at the 15th and Market station — also known as the Clothespin — to avoid the hustle and bustle of the city. This week, I forgot them and was reminded of how much I was missing as a result.

Coming up the steps from the SEPTA station underground, I see a crowd of men hover around the entrance. Smoke can be seen surrounding the outskirts as a group of women are walking up. One by one, the men begin to catcall at them and each time the women try to avoid them like the plague.

One of the men proceeded to call them a bitch when none of the women responded. It was in that moment that I simply asked the men to "knock it off." What followed were a few verbal homophobic jabs at my masculinity and physical intimidation.

While this was going on, several other men just walked by. The biggest disappointment is that this should have been their concern as well.

According to recent numbers provided by the organization Stop Street Harassment, 65 percent of women in America report experiencing some form of harassment — which includes unwanted physical and/or verbal interactions involving strangers — with 41 percent of them noting being followed or touched.

LGBTQ individuals, such as myself, are also disproportionately affected by such harassment in comparison to heterosexual men.

There have been a few glossy campaigns attempting to address this issue in the past, such as Hollaback Philly's SEPTA ad spread that featured messages dispelling misconceptions about street harassment. However, in one of the most visible, open spaces in the city, the problem still persists.

"I feel as though men on these streets feel entitled for me to speak to them," said Daisha Boone.

Boone, 21, says she received "loud flirtations from men" at least four times a day when she passes the Clothespin to go to work. "As long as these men aren't grabbing me, the police around never really say anything to them. … I now get off at 13th Street station to try to avoid them," she added.

And that's a shame, because even in my own experience I was stunned to witness how bold some of these individuals were.

I went back to the location the following day to confront one of the members in that harassing group. One of them was actually willing to talk.

"We don't mean no disrespect, just simply trying to holla," said Nasir, 19. He wouldn't give me his last name, or share why he frequents the area on a regular basis. "Females out here be buggin' … they say they want a [N-word] to come at them correct and then when we do they start tripping."

"There have been a few glossy campaigns attempting to address this issue in the past ... However, in one of the most visible open spaces in the city, the problem still persists."

But perhaps consent is what's missing from this altogether, for what he doesn't understand is that unwanted advances aren't "correct" at all.

According to Technical.ly Philly, Mayor Jim Kenney's "dream app" is one that lets women map and report street harassment in the city. "I am so sick of street harassment," he told the publication. "I see it and I scold it and I hate it."

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EgyptAir jet missing after midair plunge

Egyptian aviation minister said a terrorist attack was more likely than a technical failure.

An EgyptAir jet carrying 66 passengers and crew from Paris to Cairo disappeared from radar over the Mediterranean on Thursday in what Egypt said could have been a terrorist attack.

The Egyptian civil aviation ministry initially said Greek authorities had found "floating material" and life jackets likely to be from the plane, an Airbus A320. Greek defense sources told Reuters the material was discovered in the sea 230 miles south of the island of Crete.

However, late on Thursday EgyptAir Vice President Ahmed Adel told CNN that the wreckage had not been found.

"We stand corrected on finding the wreckage because what we identified is not a part of our plane. So the search and rescue is still going on," Adel said.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ordered the civil aviation ministry, the army's search and rescue center, the navy, and the air force to take all necessary measures to locate debris from the aircraft.

In a statement issued by his office, Sisi also ordered an investigative committee formed by the civil aviation ministry to immediately start investigating the causes of the plane's disappearance.

Egyptian Prime Minister Sherif Ismail said it was too early to rule out any explanation for the crash, including an attack like the one blamed for bringing down a Russian airliner over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula last year. The country's aviation minister said a terrorist attack was more likely than a technical failure.

Officials from multiple U.S. agencies told Reuters that a U.S. review of satellite imagery so far had not produced any signs of an explosion aboard the

Families of passengers GETTY IMAGES

EgyptAir flight.

The U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, said the conclusion was the result of a preliminary examination of imagery and cautioned against media reports suggesting the United States believed a bomb was responsible for the crash.

They said the United States has not ruled out any possible causes for the crash, including mechanical failure, terrorism or a deliberate act by the pilot or crew.

Greece had deployed aircraft and a frigate to search for the missing plane. Egypt said it would lead the investigation and France would participate.

An Egyptair Airbus GETTY IMAGES

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Paris said three investigators would arrive in Egypt on Thursday evening.

In Washington, President Barack Obama received a briefing on the disappearance from his adviser for homeland security and counter-terrorism, the White House said. A White House spokesman said it was too early to know the cause of the crash and offered condolences.

Greek Defense Minister Panos Kammenos said the Airbus swerved 90 degrees to the left, spun through 360 degrees to the right and plunged from 37,000 feet to 15,000 before vanishing from Greek radar screens. REUTERS

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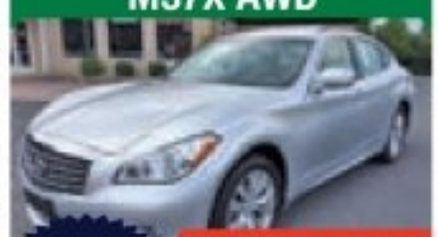
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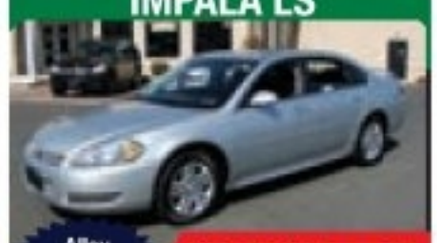
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Theater chain not liable in 2012 Colo. movie massacre

The owners of a Colorado movie theater where a gunman killed 12 people during the screening of a Batman film in 2012 are not liable for the mass shooting, a jury ruled on Thursday, in the first civil lawsuit stemming from the incident.

Jurors ruled in favor of Cinemark USA Inc in the lawsuit filed by more than two dozen surviving victims of the shooting and relatives of the dead, court spokesman Rob McCallum said on Twitter.

Gunman James Holmes, who pleaded innocent by reason of insanity at his murder trial, was found guilty last summer of killing 12 people and wounding 70 when he opened fire during a midnight screening of the "The Dark Knight Rises." He was sentenced to life in prison.

"Mr. Holmes was completely unpredictable, unforeseeable, unpreventable and unstoppable."

Cinemark lawyer Kevin Taylor, told reporters after the verdict

Lawyers for the plaintiffs argued that Cinemark and its co-defendants, the theater's property owners, should be held liable for various security lapses which they said had contributed to the tragedy at the Century 16 Theater multiplex in Aurora, Colorado. REUTERS

Top Democratic senator probes SWIFT, NY Fed about Bangladesh heist

The inquiry comes as policymakers, regulators and financial institutions around the world increase scrutiny into the heist at Bank Bangladesh and a separate attempt to use fraudulent SWIFT messages to steal from a commercial bank in Vietnam.

The Federal Reserve Building in Lower Manhattan GETTY IMAGES

The Senate Homeland Security Committee's top Democrat sought information Thursday from global financial network SWIFT and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on steps being taken to bolster cybersecurity in the wake of the theft of $81 million from the central bank of Bangladesh.

Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware requested that both answer questions and brief his staff by June 17 on how they were handling issues following the February heist, during which hackers wired money out of an account at the New York Fed held by Bank Bangladesh, as well as how they were safeguarding against other potential cyberthreats.

"These cyber attacks raise important questions about the security of the SWIFT system and the ability of its members to prevent future attacks," Carper wrote in his letters.

The Association of Banks in Singapore told Reuters it had invited SWIFT for a meeting in June to discuss the latest cyber attacks. The Bank of England last month ordered British banks to provide documentation on SWIFT security measures.

In his letters, Carper said there appeared to be no evidence the Federal Reserve systems were penetrated or compromised in the Bangladesh attack. The New York Federal Reserve has denied responsibility for the intrusion, which some security researchers have said was due to a flaw in the SWIFT bank messaging network.

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WHAT TRUMP'S OPPONENTS DON'T GET

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If you listen to the most ardent critics of Donald Trump, they describe him like a raging monster from an old Japanese movie: rising to pulverize the political establishment, eviscerate the electoral process and decimate the institutions of power — all while mainstream politicos run screaming through the streets.

And if you listen to his fans, um, you'll hear the same thing.

I believe this is why the efforts to stop Trump's march on the White House have so far proven impotent. His foes have not yet realized that the way they are attacking is making him stronger, not weaker. Just like one of those movie menaces, he is absorbing every missile aimed at him and turning it into energy for his rampaging campaign.

How is he pulling this off? How has a new poll emerged showing him not merely rising against Hillary Clinton but potentially beating her in the general election? Certainly the answers seem to be eluding most experienced political analysts. After all, a great many candidates have been wiped out for far fewer flip-flops, questionable statements and apparent stumbles. Trump's command of facts is often shaky. His policies can seem flimsy to fantastical.

But his core appeal, like Barack Obama's hope and change in 2008, is not built on specifics. It is constructed around the simple premise that D.C. treats the American people with contempt and serves them poorly; that "politics as usual" promises nothing more than a continuation of gridlock and childish legislative tantrums. So whenever he is disparaged as someone who doesn't understand how government works, his fans effectively shout back "But government does not work, that's why we want Trump!"

Put even more simply: When protesters shout that his speeches should not be heard, when pundits paint him as a buffoon, when tweeters chortle about his hair and newspapers scream he must be stopped — it all reinforces the idea that Trump threatens the existence of all the political elites, power brokers and insiders.

And yeah, that does not hurt him. Indeed, his fans — like Godzilla wading into Tokyo — are eating it up.

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Ryan Gosling teams with Russell Crowe to solve a wild case in 1970s Los Angeles in Shane Black's "The Nice Guys."
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THE FUN STARTS HERE

Ryan Gosling finally gets to be funny

A serious actor goes goofball as a bumbling private investigator in "The Nice Guys."

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"Just take a nap through the interview if you want. I won't judge you," Ryan Gosling deadpans.

It's 8:30 on a Friday night after a long week when the actor calls from Los Angeles. We're supposed to talk "The Nice Guys," a comedic thriller by Shane Black: the architect of the action comedy, who wrote "Lethal Weapon," "The Last Boy Scout" and "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang." It's a chance for Gosling, a serious actor with a strange sense of humor, to cut loose, even do slapstick.

Quickly, his goofy side is activated. "Just turn on your recorder and I'll do a version of 'End of the Road' by Boyz II Men, all four parts at the same time." And so begins our chat.

You get to do a lot of physical comedy here. You've done it before but most of your back catalog is serious dramas.
I dabbled in it in kids' television. I did a show called "Breaker High" where they could have cared less what we did. So we tried to squeeze in a lot of physical comedy. I grew up on that stuff. Slapstick and broad comedies have always been some of my favorite films. But it just didn't seem like [comedies] were in the cards for me. When this came up, I read it as a huge opportunity for physical comedy.

One scene has you repeatedly kicking a bathroom door while you're on the can and fumbling with a gun and a lit cigarette. That was semi-improvised?

GETTY IMAGES

Yeah, and I didn't know how Russell [Crowe] was going to react to it. As far as I knew he thought this was a relatively straight noir with some funny twists and turns. I was working on the stall gag and I thought I was alone. Then I smelled smoke, and I saw Russell was watching me. It was terrifying, but then he said, "If you kick with the other foot it will bounce back further." Immediately we started having the most serious conversation about the dumbest thing ever. Then I knew things were going to be OK.

Was the part where you do your best Lou Costello gasp after seeing a dead body something you came up with?
That was more, "It's 4 in the morning and it's 10 below zero and you're trying to figure out how to handle seeing a dead body for the first time." I grew up on Abbott and Costello, and it's rare to get an opportunity to nod to that. That, and I was just really trying to keep myself awake. And they kept it in.

Some of your dramas have you doing funny bits. The American flag band-aid you wear on your lip in "Half-Nelson" is a goofy touch.
Even in dramas I always try and sneak in jokes. I don't know why, but most people don't want to allow chances for humor. It's not realistic for things to always be completely serious. Sometimes humor can make things more impactful in a dramatic way. It can distract you and disarm you so you can feel more deeply about what's happening dramatically. Most of that stuff gets cut out because it doesn't feel like it's serious. With this I was surprised, when I saw the final cut, that Shane had left so much of that stuff in.

In a drama, comedy helps to humanize the scenes.
But here it's also funny. It goes back to Shane Black's [script for] "Monster Squad," where they kick Wolfman in the nards. It's just funny. It shouldn't be, but it's funny.

One last question: How long did it take for you to ditch your facial hair here?
I kept trying to shave it but it kept growing back. It was relentless. Facial hair, it just won't relent.

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'The Angry Birds Movie'

Director: Clay Kaytis, Fergal Reilly
Voices of: Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad
Rating: PG

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Jason Sudeikis headlines "The Angry Birds Movie." ROVIO

A fun, madly chaotic movie (Tim Burton's "Mars Attacks!") has been made from a series of old trading cards — why can't the same happen to the world's most downloaded app? The bar is set perilously low for "Angry Birds," and it could get a pass for doing not one or two but three, maybe four better. There are jokes crammed into every corner — but ye gods, those gags. The humor tends to be groaning aviary or porcine puns, like a store named "Calvin Swine," a poster for Kevin Bacon in "Ham-let" or our lead whining, "Pluck my life"? (You know, for the kids!)

Generically watchable but almost never inspired, "Angry Birds" has so little to it it can't even be joke-read as a risible if accidental political allegory about the fear of immigrants. To wit: "Angry Birds" concerns a peaceful, suburbanized island of flightless creatures who are one day greeted by green pig foreigners. Their leader (voiced by Bill Hader) bewitches the denizens with his refined graces and cool gifts. But only a batch of birds with diagnosed anger-management issues know their real angle: to blow up their land and make off with their eggs.

This is divining far, far more out of a film with no agenda and no deeper thought than getting, very eventually, to the main attraction: birds catapulted into structures and dynamite boxes and easily popped nemeses. The climax has its share of kinetic destruction, though the massacre is short-lived and it takes so long to get there it could even be mistaken for any off-brand toon. "Angry Birds" is better than it ever had to be, but then again, it's a movie based on an app. **MATT PRIGGE**

Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe unlock their funny sides in Shane Black's comedic thriller "The Nice Guys." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

"The Nice Guys"

Director: Shane Black
Stars: Russell Crowe, Ryan Gosling
Rating: R

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The mystery yarn in "The Nice Guys" may be only worth half-following, as they so often are in detective fiction. But every second demands your attention. It's a brightly colored confection crammed with goodies. In an era of sloppy blockbusters that settle for stuff and clang, it's a meticulous entertainment with a serious case of OCD.

Russell Crowe is all low growls and doughy shambling about as Jackson Healy, an "enforcer" who winds up mired in a convoluted missing-person case involving politicians, snappily-dressed hitmen and the then-thriving Detroit auto industry. So does doofus P.I. Holland March (Ryan Gosling).

"The Nice Guys" isn't about much at all beyond how clever Black — the architect of the buddy-action comedy, with his script for "Lethal Weapon" — is as a writer. At least he lives up to the hype, delivering a profane masterpiece jam-packed with sour one-liners and tight, playful construction. Even when the script is simply trying to get to the next narrative sign post, it does so creatively, even loopily. And the sacred text is jazzily interpreted by his two leads, particularly Gosling, finally fully activating his full-on goofy side, complete with regular girl shrieks. Like "Mad Max: Fury Road," it's an old pro showing the newbies how it's done. **MP**

Zac Efron briefly teams with an all-girl college house in "Neighbors 2: Sorority Uprising." CHUCK ZLOTNICK

"Neighbors 2: Sorority Uprising"

Director: Nicholas Stoller
Stars: Seth Rogen, Rose Byrne
Rating: R

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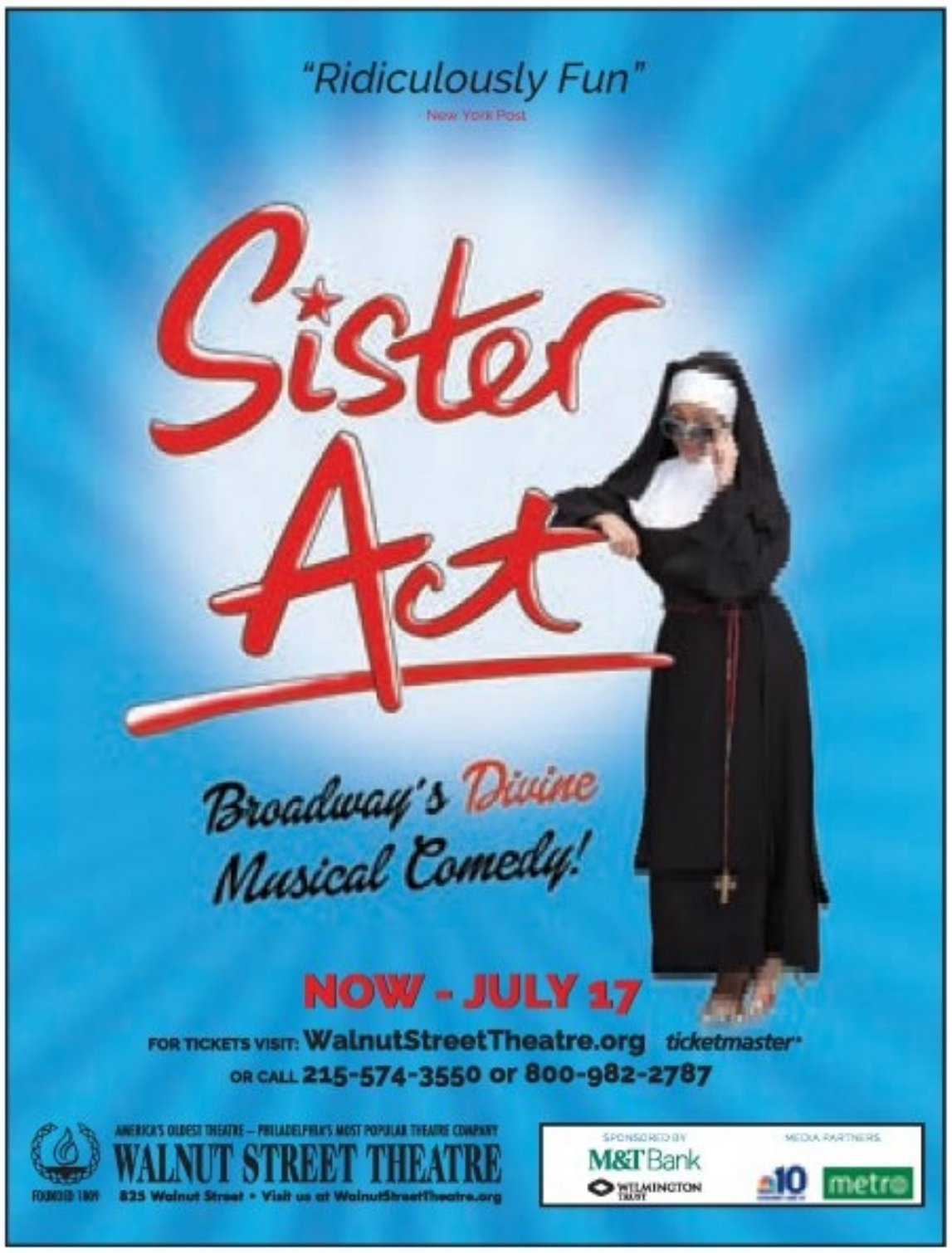
"Neighbors 2" has at least two good reasons to exist. For one, it allows Seth Rogen, Rose Byrne and Zac Efron to, well, do another "Neighbors." That's a good enough excuse as is the second: The nemeses this time are house of girls, led by Chloe Grace Moretz's Shelby. They don't want to just make some noise; they want to escape four years of frat parties stocked with guys who wear shirts that read "No Means Yes." They don't want to be kicked out, but if they stay they may ruin their next-door neighbors' lives.

It's a catch-22, with both sides alternately sympathetic and juvenile. It's also progressive. But if all "Neighbors 2" was well-meaning it might have eventually proved tiresome. But it knows to be hilarious while being angry. Think piece-y points arrive as gags and there are lots and lots of dildo jokes, one of them deployed by Kelsey Grammer.

Actually, "Neighbors 2" has a third raison d'etre: It's a healthy reminder that Efron is a national treasure ... in these two "Neighbors" films. Gone is the smirking confidence of the first; his ex-fratbo spends the majority of "2" crestfallen, whimpering about his friends' successes. It's hard not to feel bad for Efron, an actor of limited powers — just as it's hard not to find his sorrow a source of hilarity. Make a third one for him. **MP**



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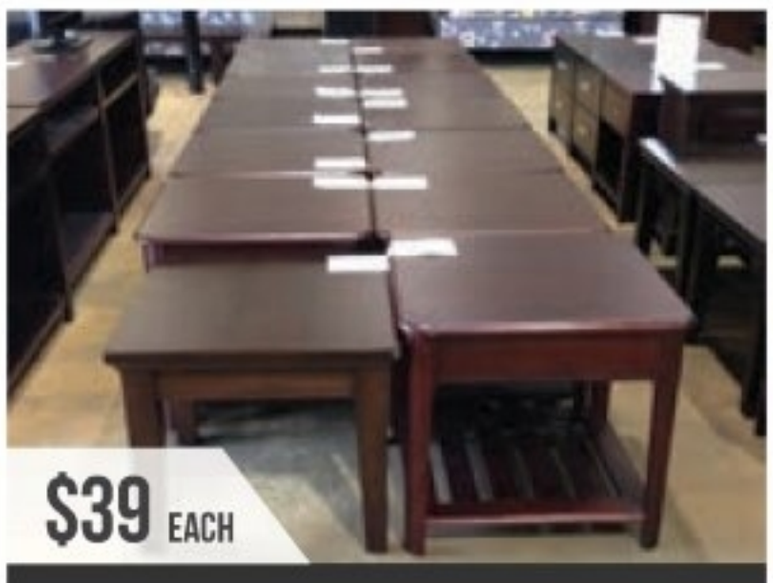

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"Being Charlie"

Director: Rob Reiner
Stars: Nick Robinson, Morgan Saylor
Rating: R

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Nick Robinson plays a teen in and out of drug rehab in Rob Reiner's "Being Charlie." PALADIN

"Being Charlie" is only a return-to-form if you're Rob Reiner. It's been 21 years — and even longer since his heyday of "This is Spinal Tap" and "The Princess Bride" — since he's done anything even slightly watchable, at least as a filmmaker. (We'll never speak ill of his acting, particularly if we're talking "The Wolf of Wall Street.") As such it's very easy to overvalue his new drug saga, which finds Reiner back to thinking about interesting shots, back to balancing a tricky tone, this one between the harrowing and the astutely comical. You might even want to forgive the many times it goes off the rails, falling back on the cliches it seemed too cool to perpetuate.

Technically speaking, it shouldn't have worked at all. Reiner directs a script by his son Nick, who spent part of his teen years struggling with addiction. The semiautobiographical tale finds Nick Robinson ("Kings of Summer," "Jurassic World") as Charlie, Reiner the younger's stand-in: a rich kid who once again finds himself in rehab, partly not to embarrass his dad, a famous actor-turned-aspiring pol (played by Cary Elwes). It could be family therapy, and to a degree it is. But it's also personable — a drug film more about foibles than histrionics. Speeches are few and sharp observational jokes are plenty, and Charlie's dalliance with a fellow sufferer (Morgan Saylor) refuses to head in predictable or pat directions.

Other plots do, though. Despite the father-son teamup going on off-screen, the relationship between Charlie and his pops is eye-rollingly one-note, with Elwes hamming it up as a monstrous dad who'd crush his kid's dreams if it meant winning the California governorship. (Reiner never ran himself, though he did once consider it.) And though its depiction of rehab is more chill and relaxed and realistic than in any drug movie, it still sometimes plays like a sitcom, with most of the denizens reduced to a funny tic or outlandish story. It needed at least two more drafts — though, given the gulley Reiner's been in for far too long, this is almost good enough. MATT PRIGGE

Kate Beckinsale (with Tom Bennett) schemes through the world of Jane Austen in "Love & Friendship." ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

"Love & Friendship"

Director: Whit Stillman
Stars: Kate Beckinsale, Xavier Samuel
Rating: R

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Has there ever been a bigger no-brainer than Whit Stillman adapting Jane Austen? The filmmaker has namechecked her since his 1990 debut, "Metropolitan," and they share many of the same obsessions: drolly articulate dialogue; lovelorn, overly self-examining young people; hangs with the higher class in which money is still an ever-present issue.

But Stillman doesn't come at Austen the easy way. Not only has he adapted a lesser-known work — the teenage novella "Lady Susan," unfinished and published posthumously — but one written in an epistolary format (that is, entirely as letters). Stillman has to unpack a tangled narrative on top of expanding it, and on top of conjuring up his own arsenal of quips that can suitably pass for Austenese.

It's also not your typical tale of moony proposals and hunky men emerging wet from lakes. "Lady Susan" follows a 30-something widow (Kate Beckinsale, razor sharp) who's cunning and acid-tongued, not ginger and romantic. Searching for a replacement husband, she plows through an endless succession of prim drawing rooms, manipulating demonically proper richies who find the thought of a woman of her age on the prowl not a little bit vexing.

Despite the 13-year gap between "The Last Days of Disco" and his delightful comeback film, "Damsels in Distress," Stillman is funnier than he's ever been, and he cuts Austen down to jokes and carefully embedded social outrage. Its women have to scheme, have to be ruthless, just to survive. It's the rare Austen film where the corset doesn't feel tied too tight. MP

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Kristen Schaal on the 100th episode of 'Bob's Burgers'

The actress dishes on Louise as an adult and how people don't go out for beers in L.A.

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Kristen Schaal is the voice of Louise on "Bob's Burgers." PROVIDED

When asked what "the burger of the day should be," Kristen Schaal responds with a giggle, "I didn't get my puns ready for this interview! Maybe a bottom out burger?"

It's close to lunchtime, so the actress, who voices the character Louise on "Bob's Burgers," which celebrates its 100th episode Sunday, is hungry and plans to grab a falafel sandwich, not a burger, after this interview. Before she chows down, we chatted with Schaal about where she finds inspiration for Louise, the show's continued success and what's next.

Let's go way back. Tell us about when you got the gig to play Louise.

Loren Bouchard was making a pilot presentation for Fox and he'd been workshopping it over the years and wanted to work with people he knew. He knew John Roberts, Jon Benjamin and Eugene Mirman. And then he had other people that were recommended who ran through the same circles — like me. Workshopping it with my friends — we didn't know it would become a comedy show. I never thought I'd be talking to you right now about our 100th episode. (*Laughs.*)

It must be so surreal. Are you a big fan of the show yourself?

I am so proud of it. I have three shows saved up on my DVR. I feel like it's one of those shows where people say, "Oh, I love 'Bob's Burgers'" and I say, "Me too!" I'm incredibly proud. It sets a marker of what a show should be.

Where do you pull inspiration for Louise's character?

Louise has developed as a piece of my personality. It's fun to not have a filter and say whatever comes into your head. My

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childhood self comes out a little and I put a hipness on top of that. She's a hip, smart kid, so it's a fun combination to play with. She's definitely a version of me.

Anything in particular you can relate to with her?
She's definitely braver than I was. I was always afraid of authority, unlike Louise. But I also looked up to my older brother, which Louise does with her older brother and sister. When you're a kid, you just go with whatever impulse you have. You can't mask it. Like she can't help but slap Boo Boo. (Laughs)

What has been the most epic moment for Louise so far?
When Logan took her hat. That was a very big episode for her. We've never seen Louise without her hat. We got to see how serious she is without wearing that hat everyday.

Where do you see her 10 years from now?
In 10 years, she'll be 19, so I guess she'll be in college. Whatever she does, it will be a job where she can manipulate people or things. (Laughs)

Do you get a lot of creative freedom on the show?
Yes! We record together in a room in L.A. and the cast members in New York get together and call in. They want us to play with each other and improvise off one another just to push jokes further and find moments you wouldn't figure out in your head when writing it.

What's it like recording lines in a group as opposed to solo?
It's fun. It takes a little bit longer than if we were recording solo. And when I don't see [the other cast members], I miss them. It's nice.

Do you guys hang out after work?
We do! In New York we used to always get beers after, but in L.A., things are different. Nobody gets beers here. (*Laughs*) I think people just go back to work. It doesn't feel like a job to me, either. People will ask, "Are you working this week?" And I'm like, "No." But then they're like, "But don't you have a table read for 'Bob'?"

Louise is known for her trademark bunny-ears hat on "Bob's Burgers." PROVIDED

The 100th episode of "Bob's Burgers" airs this Sunday, May 22 on FOX at 9:30 p.m.

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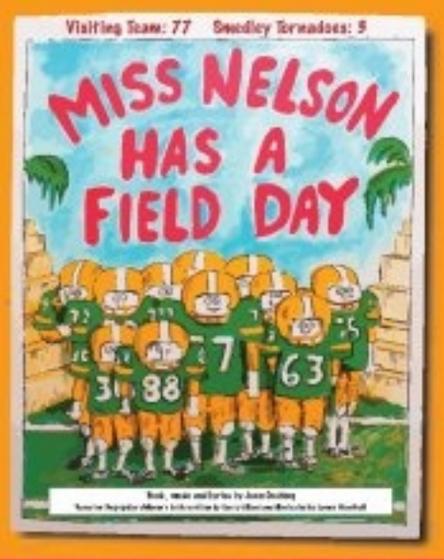

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Mel Brooks on John Wayne, improv and the presidential race

The comedy legend comes to the Academy of Music on May 21.

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Mel Brooks discusses and screens "Blazing Saddles" Saturday May 21 at 8 p.m.
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Director-writer-comedian Mel Brooks' 1974 film "Blazing Saddles" is the funniest film of all time. It must be true if Brooks, 89 — the funniest man in the universe, responsible for the Oscar- and Tony Award-winning "The Producers"; "Young Frankenstein"; "High Anxiety"; and "Spaceballs" — said so, and is coming all the way to Philadelphia's Academy of Music to screen his Western-movie parody this weekend.

Brooks wasted no time in asking how quickly this interview would be up online. Does Brooks spend lot of time online? "No. I call Carl Reiner and he reports what's online. He lives for online. And tweeting; he loves Twitter. He's always giving me the latest on Cruz and Trump."

You mentioned Donald Trump. What does somebody who has lampooned Adolf Hitler every chance he got think of Trump?
Here's my take on the whole thing — A.D., back up and get ready — the less that's said about somebody that you don't want to win an election, the better. The more you say it, that makes it a living thing. I email Dick Cavett once a month, and he asked me, do I think America wants to turn off this reality show? As much as they want the Kardashians, they want Trump. Trump invades Libya. Trumps weds 16-year-old Chinese war orphans. America wants to be entertained. They don't give a s— about who runs the government. That's what I'm afraid of — that showbiz is bigger than government.

So you're more of a Clinton or a Sanders guy?
I like them both. I was born in Brooklyn so I know guys like Bernie. I understand his bursts of emotion … outbursts of energy for no reason at all. What I like about him is that he is a beautiful dreamer. I love that he thinks that the very rich should pay a little more tax, that we should be able to send our kids to college without going into debt, that affordable single-payer health care should be extended to everybody. You'd be crazy not to think these are good dreams.

And no more military hardware.
Right. You know, I was in World War II. I didn't get my just due. I should have received the Congressional Medal of Honor for ducking and surviving an eating Army C rations. Did you know I became a corporal? Not a phony baloney one, but a real corporal.

Do you feel as if those leadership skills may have led you to directing?
Hmm. No, it was about protecting the work. The writing. To make sure that my scripts were cast properly. You get a Gene Wilder and Madeline Kahn, and just give them the script. You don't even have to tell them what do — that's casting.

Your level of parody is based on accuracy and meticulous writing. Where does improvisation fit in?
It doesn't. There is little or no improvisation in my films. You don't get lucky in film with that — only on stage.

Did John Wayne really turn down a role in "Blazing Saddles"?
He did. I wanted him to play the Waco Kid, because the Duke was such a good actor. His reality is that he is the cowboy Western. We were in the commissary at Warners', I gave him the script and he promised he'd read it overnight. The next morning I saw him and he says that he loves it — every beat, every line — but that it's too blue, that it would disappoint this fans. He said though that he would be the first one in line to see it.

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Preakness at the Piazza promises a day full of fun, including an open bar, food buffets, raffles, and dancing; guests will be able to enjoy a live band and DJ for the first time in the event's history.

Preakness at the Piazza raises money and awareness for the MS Society. MS SOCIETY

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Of course, the highlight of the day will be the live broadcast of the 141st Preakness, which will be on bright, dazzling display on the Piazza's 400-square foot LED screen.

As always, guests are encouraged to dress in their finest derby attire — yes, this includes comically oversized hats and wholly outdated bow ties. A panel of local personalities will be on hand to judge several fashion contests, including Bex of 96.5 AMP, Ike Reese of Sportsradio 94WIP, Meisha Johnson of CBS3, and Malcolm Jenkins of the Philadelphia Eagles. The event will be hosted by "Good Day Philadelphia" anchor Alex Holley and CBS3 reporter Pat Gallen.

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5 Reasons Sixers will draft Simmons

And why Brandon Ingram will likely be passed over for the No. 1 overall pick in June's NBA draft.

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With an opportunity like the Sixers currently have, the team just has to make the right decision. GETTY IMAGES

The Sixers have a critical decision to make in just over a month, when they face a June 23 deadline to submit the name of their first overall draft pick to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

The choice is between LSU's Ben Simmons and Duke's Brandon Ingram. There are pros and cons for each player, but when it comes down to it, the flaws Simmons has fall short of his superstar potential. Here are five of the most important reasons for Philly to make Simmons the next face of their franchise:

1 His athleticism

Simmons is a beast. He is 6-foot-10 and weighs 240 pounds — and can really play any position on the floor. By no means is anyone saying Simmons is the next LeBron James, but that's the style of player he is. He can get to the basket and create offense off the dribble. And even though he has — as many scouts complain — no jump shot, it is not unheard of for an elite talent to learn to shoot. Look at Michael Jordan later in his career.

2 His potential

Simmons has the passing and ball handling skills to play point guard, and is also an excellent rebounder. The only thing he lacks is a jump shot. But he still found a way to average more than 19 points per game in the SEC (though he has received criticism for his team's inability to make the postseason). He also averaged nearly 12 rebounds and more than four assists per game, a remarkable stat sheet for a college athlete.

3 Ingram is more of the same

The Sixers are looking to redefine the way things are done in the NBA. Heck, they already have by running the most elaborate tank in pro sports history. Why would they want to draft another 3-point shooter (like Ingram)? The NBA has become an outside shooting league, but that doesn't mean it will remain so. With all the size and talent on the Sixers roster already, an inside-dominated approach (look at DeMarcus Cousins, LeMarcus Aldridge, Karl-Anthony Towns and Anthony Davis) could be necessary to compete for NBA titles in the future.

4 The Aussie connection

Simmons was born and raised in Australia, which happens to be where David T. Martin, one of the world's top sports-science leaders got his start. He currently serves as 76ers director of performance research and development. Brett Brown coached Simmons' father, Dave, when he played for the Melbourne Tigers. The Sixers will have an inside track to learn the truth about Simmons' character, and perhaps dispel rumors that he has issues that would be a red flag in the NBA.

5 Sources suggest he's going No. 1 anyway

According to Kevin Ding of Bleacher Report, the Sixers are leaning "heavily" toward drafting Simmons. Though over a month remains and there is a lot of support for Ingram going No. 1, it seems the consensus is behind Simmons, a unique and extremely high-ceiling talent in the NBA.

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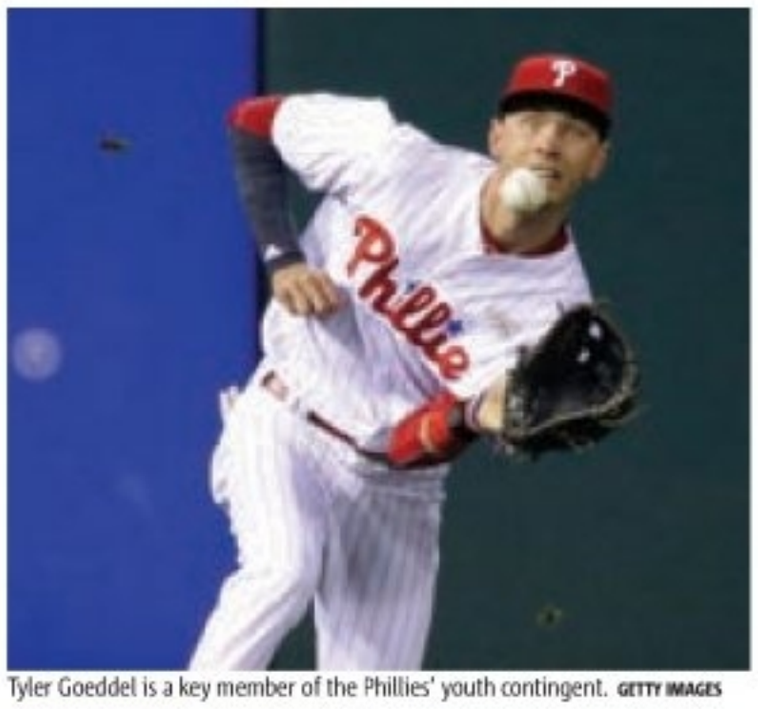
When it comes to finding a hidden gem in baseball's Rule 5 draft, there are no set rules. For every time a team makes the right call when it comes to plucking guys left off somebody's 40-man roster, there's just as many times they screw it up.

So it's far too soon to tell when it comes to 23-year-old Tyler Goeddel. As the top pick in last year's Rule 5 draft, he must remain with the club that claims him for the entire season or else be offered back to his original team for a mere pittance. The early returns weren't great, with the kid going just 4-for-25, a .160 average through April.

But since Pete Mackanin decided his offense-starved team had nothing to lose by giving him a full shot, Goeddel has thrived, going 10-for-33, hitting .303 since the beginning of May.

Not only has he been banging out hits — boosting his average to .241 — but his spectacular game-ending throw to the plate



Tyler Goeddel is a key member of the Phillies' youth contingent. GETTY IMAGES

Saturday to nail the Reds' Eduardo Suarez trying to score on a fly ball was the No. 2 play of the night on "SportsCenter."

"I've always had a good arm," said the 6-foot-4, 180-pound Goeddel. "I closed in high school. I had shoulder issues that kept me from starting."

But that didn't keep Tampa Bay from selecting him with the No. 41 pick of the 2011 draft. He proceeded to spend two seasons at Single-A Bowling Green and one at Charlotte, before playing last year in Double-A Montgomery, Alabama, where he hit .279 with 12 homers, 72 RBIs and 28 steals.

So it came as a bit of a surprise when the Rays chose not to protect him after the season.

"I was a little disappointed when that happened," admitted Goeddel, whose older brother, Erik, is a pitcher in the Mets' system. "But they had a bunch of tough decisions. Getting drafted in Rule 5 made up for it."

With Goeddel's major league ticket essentially punched — since the Phils weren't about to offer him back to the Rays — he bided his time waiting for the opportunity.

"Basically if you can't give a guy 250 to 300 at bats you stop the maturation process," Phils' bench coach, Larry Bowa said. "So you have to take that into consideration.

Goeddel patiently waited for his chance — and has been making the make the most of it.

"I knew going in I'd have to earn my playing time," he acknowledged. "It definitely took a little bit of adjustment, but at the same time I'm happy to be here. Now I'm feeling more and more comfortable and my timing's getting better. The most important thing is to try not to put too much pressure on yourself." JON MARKS

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Union hope consistent play continues vs. DC United this weekend

Union forward Chris Pontius will face his former team Friday night.

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The MLS Eastern Conference is tightening at the moment, which means that the Union (4-3-3) will have to keep their momentum going among the East's best. Just four points separate the top team from the seventh place team. On Saturday, the Union came away with a 1-1 tie to the Montreal Impact (4-3-4), who ranked first in the East heading into the match.

In the match prior, they faced one of the top teams in the Western Conference, the L.A. Galaxy (5-1-4), coming away with a 2-2 tie while proving to the league they were for real.

The team now has a good idea where they stand on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball and are hoping to keep their consistency level up against one of their biggest rivals, D.C. United (3-4-4), on Friday night.

"They have a good attacking group," Union manager Jim Curtin said. "I think [Nick] DeLeon's done a good job in the center of midfield. They have a strong team. They represent their coach, who is a competitor, knows the league so well. They fight for everything, and they have a good team that's playing well right now, so we'll have our hands full."

United sits in sixth place in the East with 13 points, while the Union sits just above them in third with 15 points. Like the Union, United is a very defensive-minded team, allowing just 13 goals on the year which ranks sixth in the MLS. They're led in scoring by forwards Alvaro Saborio (4 goals) and Fabian Espindola (3 goals) as well as midfielder Patrick Nyarko (3 goals).

"I think it's early in the season, still, but it's a big game and, again, this league, and our conference especially, is a game of — a conference — of runs," Curtin said. "Two and three games getting results, two, three wins here and there can really separate you. That's something we're fighting for right now. We don't want to go back to being a .500 team, and this is a game where we really have to take advantage and try to jump on D.C. early and really protect our home field to get that little bit of separation from the danger of mediocrity, which is a .500 record. We don't want that."

In a defensive game, the Union will have to show some life on the offensive side of the ball. The Union have scored two goals or more in just five of their 10 matches so far this season. They're led by C.J. Sapong (5 goals) and former D.C. United forward Chris Pontius (4 goals).

Curtin talked about the emotions that will be going through Pontius' mind, facing his former team on Friday.

"It's actually harder to go into RFK Stadium and walk toward a different locker room, I think that's the hard one where it will really hit Chris," Curtin said. "Yes, he wears a different jersey now; I just told him today to do exactly what he's been doing: Don't try to do too much, don't try to do too little, just be Chris Pontius and that will take care of itself. You know, he just wants to win — at the end of the day it's about getting three points."

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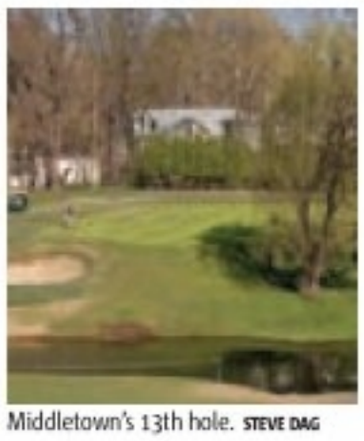

Middletown's 13th hole. STEVE DAG

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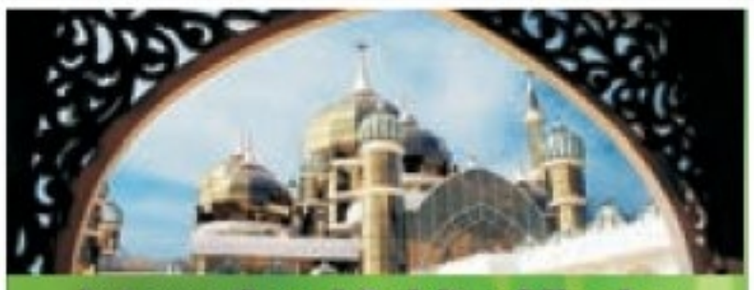

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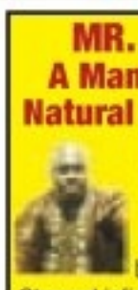

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Public Hearing Notice

The **Committee on Commerce & Economic Development** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, May 26, 2016,** at **3:00 PM,** in **Room 400, City Hall,** to hear testimony on the following items:

160129 An Ordinance amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic Opportunity Plans," by amending certain definitions; and amending Chapter 17-2000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "First Source Jobs Policy," by designating the Economic Opportunity Review Committee to oversee implementation and enforcement of the City's First Source Jobs Policy; requiring a report of executed First Source Jobs Agreements; modifying certain definitions; providing penalties; and providing for certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

160152 An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by adding a new category of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and of City contracts entitled "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons," that must be considered separately by the Finance Director in conducting the Annual Disparity Study and devising the Annual Participation Goals as required by Section 6-109 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter; and also adding a rebuttable presumption that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons are Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals; and further adding a definition of "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons;" and finally recognizing religious prejudice as a form of prejudice because of identity as a member of a group whose ability to compete in the free enterprise system has been impaired due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the same business who have not been subject to such prejudice or differential treatment; all under certain terms and conditions.

160325 An Ordinance amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic Opportunity Plans," by modifying the monetary threshold triggering the requirement of an economic opportunity plan on City funded projects or contracts and by modifying the required contents of economic opportunity plans, all under certain terms and conditions.

160364 An Ordinance amending Chapter 17-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Philadelphia 21st Century Minimum Wage and Benefits Standard," to revise the benefits required to be provided in connection with application of the Philadelphia 21st Century Minimum Wage Standard, under certain terms and conditions.

160370 An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by adding provisions requiring the City Contractors to pay subcontractors promptly and setting forth an alternative process for prompt payment, all under certain terms and conditions.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Commerce & Economic Development, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

Michael Decker
Chief Clerk

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Aries A subtle personal change will make a difference to your attitude and ability to get things done. A financial gift or gain is apparent if you are quick to react.

Taurus Express your feelings and make this a special day for you and a loved one. Doing something out of the ordinary or planning a brief trip is encouraged.

Gemini Listen attentively, but don't be too quick to adopt someone else's beliefs. Structure your day to include the changes that will make your life better. Put your needs first.

Cancer Look for something that will improve your surroundings, allowing you to pursue a dream. Expanding your family or opening your doors to friends will improve your life.

Leo Take a step in a direction that promotes a healthy and prosperous life. Engage in events and activities that will encourage positive change in your lifestyle and profession.

Virgo Keep an open mind and be willing to do things differently if it means working alongside people you respect. Romance is highlighted. Plan a short trip or adventure for two.

Libra Don't let unfinished business linger on. The sooner you put your responsibilities behind you, the easier it will be to pursue more enjoyable activities.

Scorpio You'll accomplish plenty if you work from home or engage in something interesting that sparks your imagination. Plan a fun-filled evening and express your feelings and intentions.

Sagittarius Don't give in to someone using persuasive tactics. You are best off sticking close to home and engaging in personal changes that will lead to better health and greater opportunities.

Capricorn Don't worry about the actions of others. Follow the path that will bring you the results you are looking for. Make plans to do something with people who bring you joy.

Aquarius Focus on what you need to accomplish. Taking care of work or responsibilities, or sending out your resume will bring greater benefits than locking horns with friends.

Pisces Move forward with motivation and determination. Refuse to let anyone slow you down with negativity or pressure. Be proud, finish what you start and celebrate. **EUGENIA LAST**

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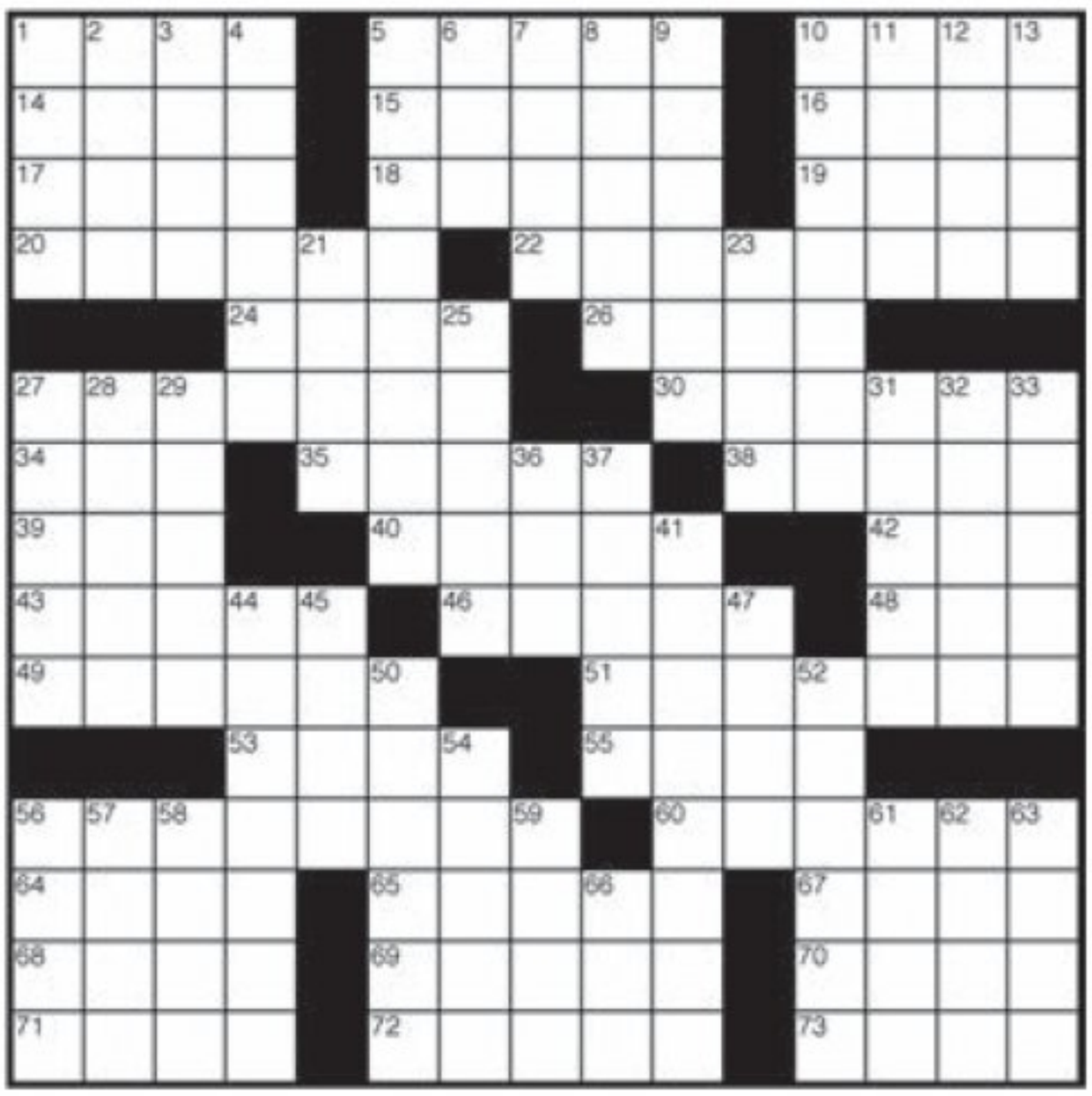

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